

ABSTRACT

Development of a trusted third party Multicast Points of Presence (or MULTIPOPs) Network, termed "A Neutral Multicast Exchange", which will enable access, via the trusted third party, to a large proportion of end-users who are attached to the Internet through regional or local Internet Service Providers (ISPs). The business goal is to reduce the cost of Internet audio distribution to a level substantially below that of terrestrial broadcasting, and to develop the capability to distribute these broadcasts as widely as possible.